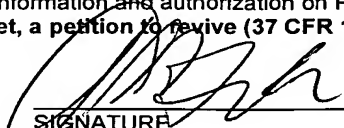


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| Form PTO-1390  |  | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>P29172                                  |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/576305</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/ID2004/003302   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>19 October 2004 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>23 October 2003                   |   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>USE OF COMB-STRUCTURED BEAD-FORM POLYMERS, AND RESULTING COMPOSITIONS  |  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Emmanuel VILLARD, Horacio NARANJO, and Pierre LYOT  |  |  |   |
| <p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).<br/>"Executed"</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p>Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignee: <u>SNF SAS, of Saint-Etienne, France</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.<br/><input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<br/>International Application as published in French.<br/>International Application as filed in French.<br/>PCT/RO/101 PCT Request, 4 copies of Power of Attorney (in English and French), Fee Calculation Sheet (in French).<br/>Papers (in French).<br/>PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report (in English and French).<br/>PCT/IB/304 (in French).<br/>PCT/IB/308 (in French).<br/>Claim of Priority.</li> </ol> |  |  |   |

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| 23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  |              |   |            | CALCULATIONS   | PTO USE ONLY |
| Basic national fee.....300.00   |              |   |            | \$300.00   |              |
| 24 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4).....0.00<br>All other situations.....200.00   |              |   |            | \$200.00   |              |
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| TOTAL 23, 24 and 25 =   |              |   |            | \$400.00   |              |
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| Independent Claims  | 3 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200.00 | \$ 0.00  |              |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)   |              |   |            | + \$360.00   | \$ 0.00      |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |              |   |            | \$900.00   |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |   |            | \$ 0.00  |              |
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